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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application Of: Michael Chad HOLLIS, et al. GROUP ART UNIT:

> APPLICATION NUMBER: 10/717,536 EXAMINER: Stephen CHOI

FILED: November 21, 2003 **CONFIRMATION NO.:** 7980

BEVEL ANGLE LOCKING ACTUATOR AND BEVEL ANGLE LOCKING SYSTEM FOR:

FOR A SAW

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.136

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2005, in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request an extension of time of 3 months. Accordingly, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge the fee amount specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of \$1020.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206. If the payment of this fee is in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficit or credit any fee overpayment to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-5, 29-31, and 52-54 were pending in the application. All claims currently stand rejected. The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 29, 31, and 52-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Schoene, et al. (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. US 2004/0089125) ("Schoene") and additionally rejects claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Schoene. Claims 1-5, 29-31, and 52-54 remain pending in this application. 04/05/2006 MBEYENE1 00000039 500206 10717536

In response to this rejection, the Applicants provide a Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 and associated documentation to show prior invention and seek reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application. The Declaration shows that the

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Applicants conceived and diligently worked to reduce to practice their invention prior to the earliest priority date of the cited reference. As indicated by the declaration, the Applicants conceived their invention prior to November 8, 2002, and are able to demonstrate their diligence from November 26, 2002 back to October 30, 2002, thus removing Schoene as a reference.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with Applicants' counsel, in person or over the telephone, Applicants' counsel would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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